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Cal Poly needs to find a solution to its problem

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BRUSH OFF: Stephanie Holst, art and design senior practices brushing technique. Her watercolor class is working on becoming familiar with paints and keeping colors smooth and consistent across the page.

CAPTURE prepares for Year 2000

Computer programs holding campus information will need new formulas

By Kristin Dohse
Mustang Daily

The recent unscheduled shutdown of Cal Poly's telephone user registration system, CAPTURE, raises questions about future problems with CAPTURE and what the Year 2000 bug (Y2K) will mean for the Cal Poly community.

The software that runs CAPTURE is being re-written to prevent Y2K-related problems. The new software is being tested now, a project that is to be finished by November or December.

According to George Glaser, Coordinator of Student Applications in the Department of Support Applications, some of the system shutdowns and other problems that students encounter with CAPTURE aren't a result of a glitch in the CAPTURE system itself.

"There are five separate processes in the CAPTURE system and all it takes is for one of these steps to fail to cause the entire system to halt," Glaser said.

Glaser said the CAPTURE process begins when a student picks up the phone to dial the CAPTURE system. Once the phone system has been activated, the information provided by the student is then sent to a tele-

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— George Glaser
coordinator of student applications

phone switch located on campus. The information travels through a Unix system on a machine called the RS6000 which prepares the transactions and sends them to the final destination: the IBM mainframe. Each question and response is sent back and forth through these five processes.

According to Glaser, the mainframe can be a source of system glitches. Glaser said the mainframe is the storehouse for all kinds of university information from Human Resource services and financial systems to the MustangInfo web page and student records.

"In addition, Cal Poly's mainframe

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Renovation gives campus landmark a new look

By Louise Attard
Mustang Daily

The old Campus Store reopened on Sept. 21 as the new Campus Market, with more than double the floor space and a wider selection of food choices.

The \$1.3 million project was right on budget, said Michael Merrell, manager of the Campus Market. The money for the market came from Foundation reserves, specifically for renovation projects. Merrell said the store was over 30 years old and needed improving.

Nancy Williams, director of Campus Dining, said she was "extremely happy" with the outcome of the Campus Market. She said part of the project's aim was to add more food items

and more space. The floor space expanded from 3,000 feet to about 6,500 feet. The entire interior was also renovated. For example, tri-tip sandwiches previously served outside are now cooked and served inside "so when it rains we're still in business," Williams said.

On Friday, contractors from Design ARC, Vernon Edwards Contractors Inc., and food service consultant WEBB, walked through the store examining any final details. There are still some minor details to finish up, said Merrell, partly due to a two-week delay period in May waiting for the final approval of the budget. These include lighting for the stand-up bistro tables, additional shelving and more food items.

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GONE TO MARKET: Mark Schaus, animal science senior, and Shannon Burke, food science senior, study outside the newly renovated Campus Market.

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also planned for the outside of the building.

Construction on the new market started May 4, three days after the Campus Store closed. Project Coordinator Roger Keep, who worked closely with the contractors, said he was more than happy with the overall result.

"It came out better than our expectations," he said. "Everyone worked together. We had zero problems." The goal of the project was to have the market opened by Sept. 21, the first day of fall classes. Contractors worked days, nights and weekends to meet the deadline.

Alan Cushman, associate director of Campus Dining, said it was important that the market be open on the first day.

"If it's delayed, students get into a habit of other things and then when you finally open, they don't know that you're open," he said.

Merrell said the market was noticeably busier for the first week of classes compared to previous years. The shift in students on campus over the years has created a demand for more places to eat, he said.

"The campus has been growing in this direction to the north-west and there was very little food service out in this area," Merrell said.

The new components of the Campus Market include an expanded coffee bar, bakery, grill sandwiches, deli bar and pizza section. All hot food items are served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To the left of the market is a wall of drinks, a snack-foods section, condiments table and frozen goods section. On the other side of the room is a drink fountain and produce section. In the middle of the market are four rows of shelf items selling cereal, bread, soup and snack foods.

Some non-food items the market provides are Cal Poly merchandise, greeting cards, stationary items and a wide selection of newspapers. Three check-outs are located at the front of the store. Some items sold are almost gourmet, such as 12-ounces of Julian's house blend coffee for \$6.25, and guayaki sipping straws for \$10.

Cal Poly Foundation took over the



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FACELIFT: Construction crews worked extra hours over the summer to complete the Campus Market in time for students to enjoy it on the first day school.

old Campus Store from the school of agriculture in 1983. Before that, the store sold only Cal Poly products. Merrell said he still wants to sell as many Cal Poly products as possible.

"The cornerstone of the store was to sell Cal Poly products, and it's still that today," he said. Some of these include eggs, fruits, vegetables, honey, sauces and jams.

A modern look for the new market was an important aspect, said Stacy Cleaver, an interior designer with WEBB designs. Cleaver picked the pastel colors and designed the counters, displays and checkered floor tiles.

"We wanted to create a warm and inviting environment," she said. The signage and mural on the back wall was painted by Rick Mysee from Crossroads.

Bruce Bartlett, an architect at Design ARC and graduate from Cal Poly's architecture department in 1970, designed the exterior and interior space planning. This involved raising the ceiling, expanding the store space and loading docks, and designing a front management office to observe store operations.

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manager of Campus Market

some of its own identity," he said. "You really didn't know that it was a store."

Part of the overall Campus Market plan was to anticipate what future services would be needed on campus, so a special kind of oven for home-replacement meals was installed. Home-replacements meals are pre-cooked meals like chicken and baked potatoes that people can take home. Cushman believes this will be popular in a few years time when the new apartment complexes on campus are built. Students living in the apartments will not be expected to purchase meal plans, and will look for close and convenient places to buy cooked food, he said.

"Instead of just pre-packaged goods, we are now basically a full-fledged restaurant," Cushman said.

A second-phase project has been planned in the future to increase the outdoor seating of the market. The seating will replace some of the parking spaces located to the right of the market.

On Friday, Michelle Behrens, a biology graduate, walked into the Campus Market for the first time since the renovations.

"It looks nice. I like it better than the old store," she said. "It's more open and has more variety." Andrew Schaffner, assistant professor of statistics, said the Campus Market offers "more real food" than just pre-packaged food.

"You're getting stuff that's more quality," he said.

Chris Tousseau, Peter Emig and Brian Ferrucci, all aerospace seniors, said they like the new Campus

Market.

"It think it's going to attract more students," Tousseau said. "It's nice and spacious and offers a bigger variety of food. Now you can get tri-tip every day."

"It's nice that they've finally got a deli in here," Ferrucci added.

"There's a lot more space inside. Before when you got a coffee you'd have to huddle over in the corner with 20 other people," Emig said.

Tousseau said the prices are reasonable compared to other places on campus.

"Nothing's over five dollars that I noticed," he said, buying a Chef's salad for \$2.95.

Erin Luse, an animal science senior, has worked at the store for three years. She said the Campus Market is better not just for the customers, but also for the staff.

"It was getting really cramped ... Now there's more space for us to do our jobs," she said.

The new opening hours are Monday to Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Ants farm fungus, not soil

Los Angeles Times

Many have had ant farms when growing up. But what do ants farm? Fungus, as it happens.

Fifty million years of agriculture by some species of ants bears a striking resemblance to the kinds of farming techniques developed by humans over the ages, write Ulrich G. Mueller of the University of Maryland and colleagues in the Sept. 25 Science. The ants grow the fungus, secrete antibiotic "herbicides"

to protect it from blight and fertilize with manure.

Scientists have long known that some species of ants farm fungus. But Mueller's new research shows that the critters can switch to new crops in times of famine, and that some crops might be transferred between distantly related ant species.

The research sheds light on a long debate over whether human farming arose through conscious choice, said Jared Diamond, a professor of physi-

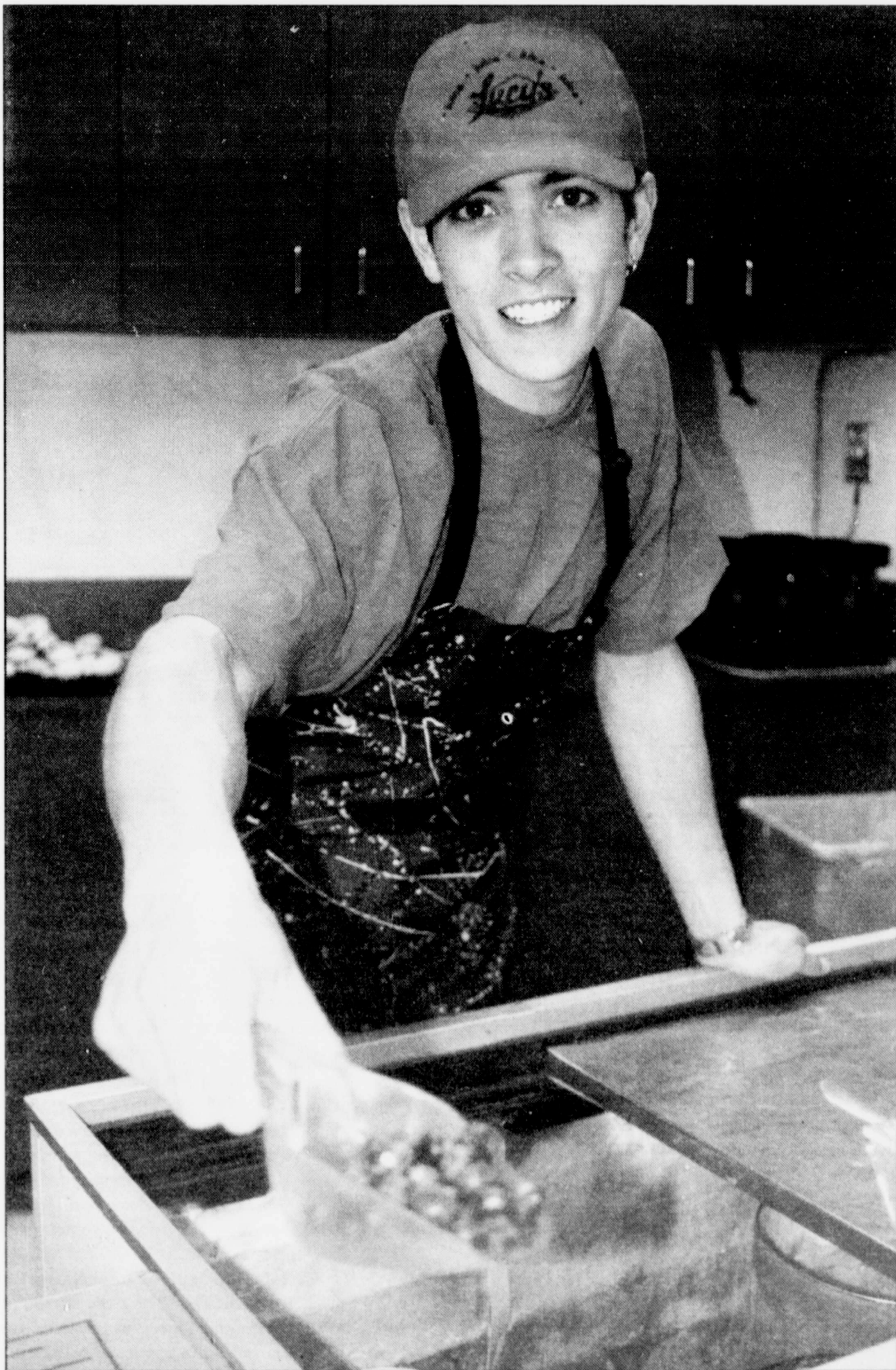
ology at the University of California at Los Angeles, who wrote an accompanying article. "In the case of ants, nobody said five ants got together and said, 'I'm sick of being picked off by birds, let's take these mushrooms back to our nest and grow them there safely.'"

Instead, farming might be an activity that can develop naturally, Mueller said. "You don't have to have a lot of sophistication to live by growing a food."

STUDENT \$\$\$ AT WORK IN MCPHEE UNIVERSITY UNION

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JUICY FRUIT: Business junior Aaron Drury scoops up a bunch of blueberries to add to a smoothie at Lucy's Juice. Blenders were blazing as hot and humid weather sent more students searching for thirst quenchers.

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"In addition, Cal Poly's mainframe is shared with California State University, Hayward," Glaser said. "It's like a domino effect. It's possible for a single problem in any one of the programs to cause the system to shut down."

"In the most recent shutdown, Monday, September 14th, the system came to a halt when a glitch in MustangInfo caused the program to use up resources without releasing them," Glaser said. According to Glaser, when other programs tried to continue running simultaneously, the entire system shut down.

Glaser said his department encounters a problem in the system once every few weeks. He said most of the problems are insignificant and are rarely noticed by the students.

Concerning the Y2K dilemma facing Cal Poly, Glaser said Cal

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coordinator of Student Applications

Poly has taken steps to control this potentially disastrous situation.

"We currently have a Y2K project underway that corrects the system from interpreting the year 2000 as occurring before 1998," Glaser said.

Secondly, the project involves adding numeric formulas internally into the software that will cause the system to read a number such as a double zero for the year 2000 as still increasing in value," Glaser said.

"The great thing about this project is that the changes will be transparent to the users," Glaser said. "Students will use the same action codes as before, only now the internal software will adjust the entries for the year 2000."

Y2K is a dilemma facing computer-based businesses all over the world. The year 2000 is a concern because computers and information systems were originally programmed to interpret double zeroes as the year 1900. Computers are set to organize dates in increasing order, so software must be changed to program computers to interpret the low numbers in the next century as continuously increasing values.

Some university software has already been effectively using Y2K dates for two years. The Office of Admissions has been processing incoming students whose projected graduation dates extend beyond the year 2000.

New marijuana painkiller has no bad effects, research says

Drug increases appetite in rats, unlike morphine, which can cause nausea

Los Angeles Times

New research suggests that scientists may be able to develop a powerful new painkiller modeled on the active ingredient in marijuana.

In rats, a drug that mimics delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the main active ingredient in marijuana, deadens pain like morphine, researchers at the University of California at San Francisco showed.

The findings indicate that marijuana-like drugs kill pain without producing the side effects of morphine.

"Given their unique side-effect

profile (for example, cannabinoids increase appetite, whereas opioids can cause nausea and respiratory depression), cannabinoids may be useful in improving the treatment of pain," Ian D. Meng and colleagues write in the Sept. 24 Nature.

Rats given a synthetic cannabinoid kept their tails near a heat source longer than rats that did not get the drug.

When the researchers shut down a region of the rats' brain known as the

rostral ventromedial medulla, which is affected by drugs like morphine, they no longer had an insensitivity to pain.

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Poly should re-evaluate parking plan

With planning, new structure can ease students' nightmare

Anyone who has ever driven on Cal Poly's campus and has tried to park knows that Cal Poly has a serious parking problem.

We are all aware that many people at Cal Poly, for whatever reason, choose to drive to school. We do not want that option to be taken away. However, the number of parking permits sold is well over the number of parking spaces available.

We understand the reasoning behind the "logic" that not all of those people who buy parking permits are on campus at any given time, but we still do not agree with the number of permits sold.

Not only do those parking permits get used almost daily, but daily parking permits are still being purchased, increasing the total number of cars that need a space to park.

So, what has Cal Poly decided to do? Cal Poly is planning to build a parking structure, but at what cost to students?

No money should be expected of students, since the CSU Parking Fund handed Cal Poly a check for \$8.7 million to build the structure. The powers that be should not need to raise student fees or increase the price of parking permits to pay for the new structure.

Unfortunately, Cal Poly seems poised to create a whole new set of parking problems with its new parking structure. Let's examine the facts.

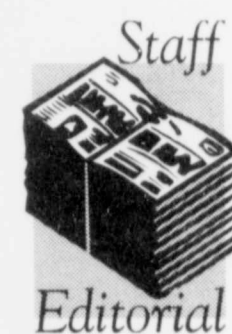
There are too many people with parking permits, but with the construction of the parking structure slated to begin as early as November, the parking situation has the potential to get out of control.

Studies have shown that the further we get into the winter months, the more people begin to drive their cars to school, creating more of a parking nightmare. With knowledge of this trend, the "parking powers" have done nothing to accommodate for the 128 parking spaces that will be lost during construction. We hope everyone that paid their \$36 for a fall parking permit was sufficiently warned about the upcoming crunch.

We are in no way suggesting that Cal Poly put off the parking structure for another three or four years, but we do think that Cal Poly has had ample time to figure out how to remedy the parking situation without first making it worse.

Also, we are not going to suggest that staff not be allowed to park in the structure, but they should definitely have a minimum of spaces. The logic: staff members already are allowed to park in general parking spaces without penalty, but those with general parking passes are not allowed to park in staff spaces without paying a fine. If the main reason for the parking structure is a lack of general parking spaces, shouldn't the structure consist of primarily general parking?

It makes sense that we should not build parking spaces that exclude the very people we are trying to help.



The presidential twilight zone

Are you sick of hearing about the Clinton scandal? I am. But not because I find the whole sordid affair boring or trivial, I find it nauseating. It's not the graphic details of Slick Willie and Monica's "improper relations" that make me sick; I am disgusted by the majority of the nation's apathy and cynicism.

Our president is not our moral leader (thank God), but he is, like it or not, a symbol and a representative of our entire country. Right or wrong, this implicit distinction comes with the office. We therefore have to hold our president up to the highest standard possible. Polls indicate that the vast majority of Americans find President Clinton's character despicable, and yet his job approval rating remains in the mid 60's. I feel like I'm in the Twilight Zone. We don't believe that good character is essential for doing a good job as president?

A lot of Americans want to excuse the president's behavior because it's "all about

Jamie Rudolph

sex." Did they all miss the parts about perjury, abuse of power and obstruction of justice? These things can not be justified, even if they were done to cover up sex. Poor Bill, they say. Look at what he has lost already: his pride, his wife's trust, his political potency...

Unfortunately, this isn't just about Clinton. The whole world's eyes are on this scandal and if we don't hold our president fully accountable for his crimes, we will lose the bedrock of our justice system. A system which demands the truth and the whole truth, not the half-truths, lies and evasive non-answers given to us by our president.

Oh who cares, the economy is good, so we're happy right? It doesn't matter if our president, an intern and a cigar are having a ménage a trois in the oval office. Never

mind that the president has almost zero direct responsibility for the state of the economy. You know what we do care about though? The 40 million dollar legal bill handed to the tax payers. We love to blame Ken Starr, but he was just doing his job as prosecutor. President Clinton could have saved us all a pretty penny by just telling the truth to begin with.

I was deeply disturbed to see the Grand Jury tape of Clinton trying to manipulate, evade and trump a legal system that, as president, he should support and revere. Where is his honor? If we grant our president a license to abuse his power with exploitation and lies, then as President Lincoln said years ago, "the lawless in spirit will become lawless in practice." In other words our justice system will have been screwed— with a cigar.

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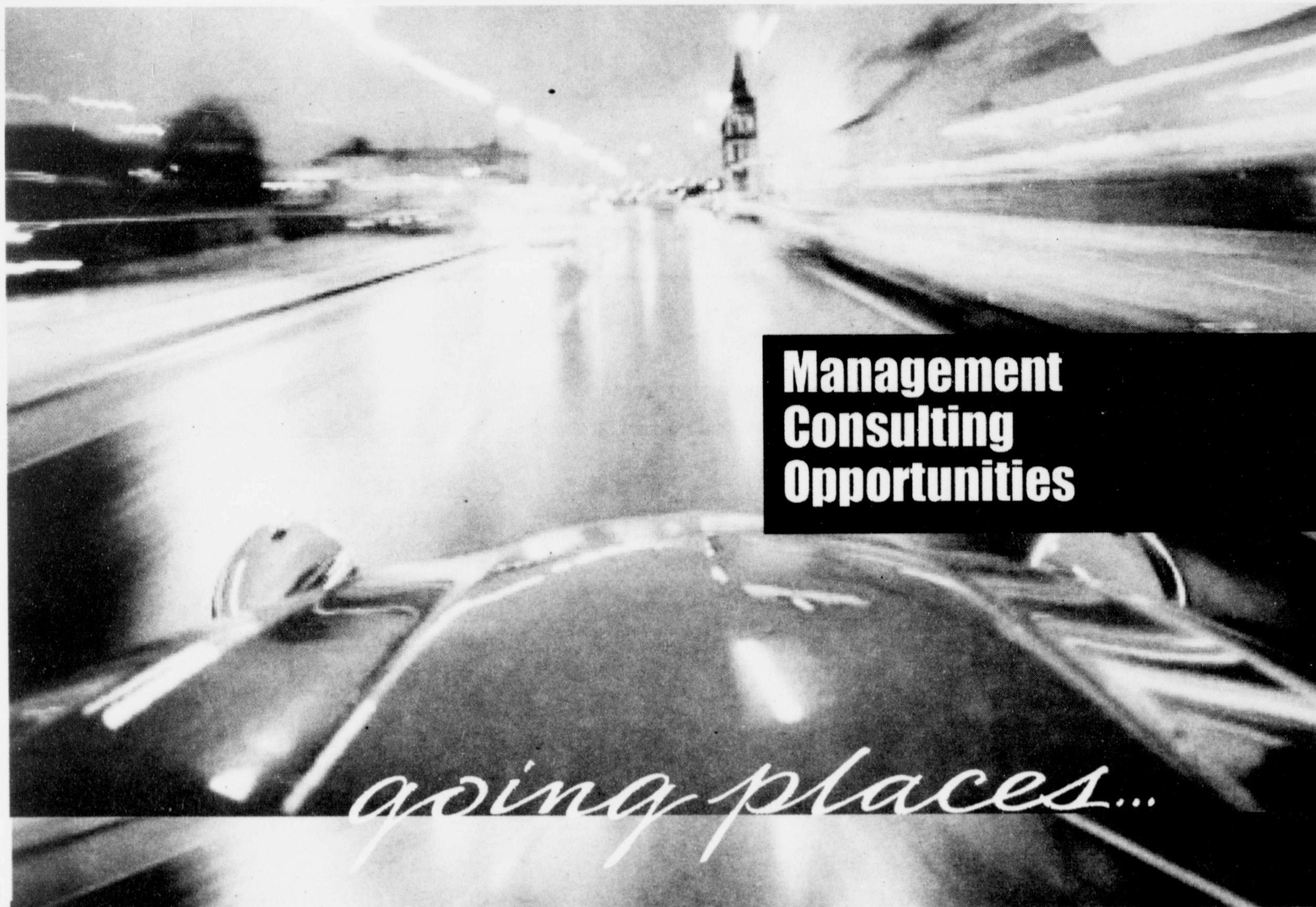
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Boston Globe denies ad space for ex-columnist

Mike Barnicle won't get to say goodbye or 'I'm sorry' to his readers in Boston

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — All Mike Barnicle wanted was a chance to say goodbye. And he was willing to pay at least \$20,000 for the privilege.

The ousted Boston Globe columnist submitted an Op-Ed piece to his old paper, giving his side of the controversy that led to his downfall. Editorial Page Editor H.D.S. Greenway made some suggestions and seemed interested in running it, but Globe Publisher Benjamin Taylor vetoed the idea.

So Barnicle and his wife sold some stock, cashed in a savings account and asked to buy a full-page ad in the Globe. No dice — and no reason given.

"I was stunned," a weary-sounding Barnicle said. "The past two months have been an incredible nightmare. I feel odd saying anything negative about the Globe. I still love the place, despite what I think was done to me unfairly."

Globe spokesman Richard Gulla said: "We refused the ad on the same basis we refused the Op-Ed piece: It didn't add anything new to the issue." In the 1995 column that led to his firing, Gulla says, "he quoted people he never met and never talked to."

Barnicle, 55, felt partially vindicated when he finally tracked down Patricia Shairs, the Maine woman he had written about in 1995. He had said that a wealthy white family had become friends with a struggling black family while their sons were hospitalized with cancer, and the black family received a touching letter and a \$10,000 check after their boy died.

It turned out Barnicle had never talked to either family, relying instead on a nurse's aide who was in training at the hospital. Yet he managed to recreate vivid scenes and quote the 10-sentence letter verbatim. Globe editors were appalled at the shoddy reporting.

The details turned out to be quite different: The Shairs family is white, not black; they received \$5,000, not \$10,000; their son was 5, not 9; he died in 1987, not 1994; and the cause was heart disease, not cancer.

"There are several inaccuracies in

"I used my memory to tell an honest story. ... Clearly, this cannot be done any longer in a business intent on weaving a one-size-fits-all suit of standards."

— Mike Barnicle
former Boston Globe columnist

it, no doubt about it. ... Clearly, in retrospect, I wish I'd done some leg-work," Barnicle says.

In the rejected Op-Ed piece, he writes: "It was simply a true story, flawed in the re-telling. ... However, today, reconstructing dialogue and being unable to instantly 'source' a 1995 column is a failure to abide by present standards of journalism. The punishment for my mistake is permanent banishment from the place where I've spent most of my adult years, the Globe. My penalty is to have my reputation, my work, my life — private and professional — savaged. But I am still standing and proud of what I produced over a quarter century. ...

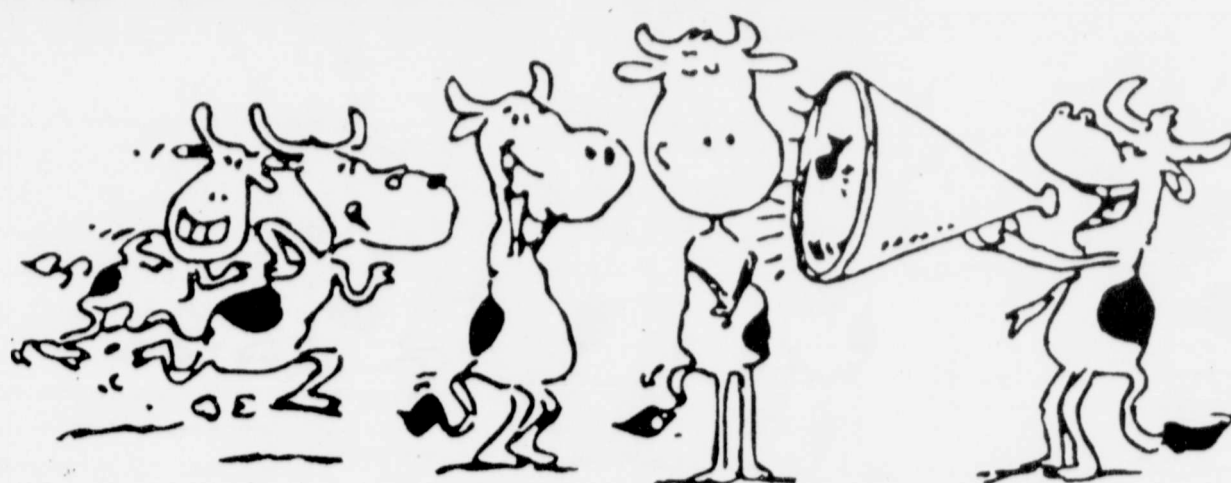
"I used my memory to tell an honest story. ... Clearly, this cannot be done any longer in a business intent on weaving a one-size-fits-all suit of standards."

Gulla says that while Barnicle didn't fabricate characters, like former Globe columnist Patricia Smith, his offense was nearly as grave. "Mike still believes what he did was not so bad. ... The sooner we get this behind us, the better off everyone will be. I can't deny that's part of it."

But Barnicle says most of his readers don't really know what happened, and that even Smith was allowed to write a farewell column. Now he can't even buy one.

"Stop asking me in the supermarket if I'm coming back," he says. "Stop honking at me on the street. I ain't coming back. I'm not going to be there ever. There's nothing I can do. They own the paper. They buy the ink."

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Sosa inspires his Dominican fans

The Washington Post

Although his life has been turned upside down since a tree crashed through his roof and destroyed his home during Hurricane Georges, Juan Richards found solace Sunday in American baseball, his love for Dominican slugger and home-town hero Sammy Sosa, and Sosa's quest to set a new home-run record.

Leaning against a betting parlor wall under a baking sun, Richards, 28, listened intently to a radio as Sosa's Chicago Cubs played the Houston Astros in what was almost the last chance for Sosa to overtake or match home-run leader Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals in their running battle for baseball fame.

"Among all the bad we are going through, there is some good, and that good is Sammy Sosa and the game Sunday," Richards said. "He has lifted our spirits, not only in normal times but in this (hurricane) crisis. For me, Sosa has done something grand. He is a hero. He represents hope, pride and success."

Throughout this gritty port city of 120,000 residents, many people turned their attention from the ravages of Georges — which struck the Dominican Republic with a vengeance last Tuesday, killing more than 200 — to their local icon's come-from-behind bid to finish out the season ahead of McGwire.

But for most fans, watching the

game was an exercise in frustration, since San Pedro is still without electricity and the hurricane knocked out television cable service. Most bars and betting parlors that would have televised the game were closed, and there were few batteries available to enable people to tune in the game on radio.

There were few alternatives to view the game, but one was the Florimar Carwash, a bar and pool hall near the city's sea wall. As a favor to San Pedro, several television stations provided the establishment with a satellite dish so it could show the game.

By the time the contest got underway at 2:35 p.m., the Florimar was teeming with hundreds of fans who drank warm beer and erupted into booming cheers and whistles when Sosa came up for his first at bat.

All pool playing came to a halt. Amid chants of "Sammy! Sammy!" the home-town boy struck out, but onlookers brushed it off and pinned their hopes on the next time he would come to the plate.

Sosa — who came into Sunday's game with 66 home runs, four behind McGwire — would then drive a ball deep into center field, riling the agitated bar crowd. But it was caught by an Astros outfielder and a collective "Oh, no!" filled the bar as fans shook their heads in disappointment.

"I still feel a lot of pride for Sosa because he is a Dominican, and a very respected Dominican. I also feel

pride because he is a Latin, and a very grand Latin," said Carlos Alberto, 33, in explaining that he was not disappointed about Sosa's failure to catch up to McGwire.

"I feel sad at the moment, sad because we are living in a very difficult situation and have nothing, and sad because Sosa did not break the record," said Aquiles Romero, 20.

Sosa played again Monday night in a one-game playoff for the National League wild-card berth, but for many Dominicans, whether Sosa shatters the major league home-run record is not paramount.

"He is the most important man in the world for all Dominicans," said Christian Munoz, 22, a patron at the Florimar. "Since the hurricane passed, we were fixing houses and helping people ... but we are here because it is important. We have been going through hard times and now the hurricane. He is an inspiration for us, and if he wins it or if he does not, it will be the same. He is a Dominican superman."

At a time when this nation of 8 million is struggling to rebuild from the destruction unleashed by Georges, which was one of the most ferocious hurricanes in recent memory, Sosa has become a poignant symbol of hope.

Scores of Dominican homes were leveled or heavily damaged by the hurricane, which snapped and uprooted countless trees and power lines now piled up in the streets. The Tetelo Vargas baseball stadium,

where Sosa once played, suffered a tremendous blow from Georges, which knocked down the light tower and a broad section of the outfield wall, and ripped and twisted large portions of the facility's metal structure.

The stadium has been serving as a makeshift shelter for people made homeless by the storm, and Sunday afternoon a group of boys were playing a pickup game of baseball there.

Passions run high for Sosa in San Pedro, where a statue of him stands in a shopping mall that he built for the town, one of several projects he has undertaken here, including building a house for his mother and other relatives.

There is widespread passion for baseball in this town, which has produced more major league players per capita than any other. Seven of the 62 Dominicans on this season's Opening Day rosters are from here, and Dominicans far outnumber other foreign-born players in the major leagues.

The Cubs outfielder, who has a four-year, \$42 million contract with the team, has organized a relief effort through the Sammy Sosa Charitable Foundation for victims of the deadly storm across the Caribbean, including his native Dominican Republic. He has also pledged to sell his 62nd home-run ball and give the proceeds to his country.

"I'm just glad I'm in the position to help the people, because they need it right now," Sosa said.

SNL not worried about 'Howard Stern Radio Show'

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — NBC can apparently breathe easy about "Saturday Night Live" ratings being diminished by facing "The Howard Stern Radio Show," based on preliminary results for the former's season premiere Saturday.

Stern has frequently criticized "Saturday Night" and boasted that his latest foray into television would steal viewers away. At least the first round, however, went decisively to NBC, which even beat Stern by large margins in cities such as New York

and Los Angeles, where the controversial personality's radio show is extremely popular.

Overall, NBC's long-running late-night series drew nearly 8 percent of homes in major cities measured by Nielsen Media Research, almost three times the rating for Stern's program, which airs mostly on CBS stations and isn't as widely available.

Hosted by "There's Something About Mary" star Cameron Diaz, "Saturday Night" exhibited no ill effects from the new competition; in fact, its rating was higher than the show's first episode last year.



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more Katie Kassis. The second was by junior Michelle George with an assist by senior Shana Stickel.

The remaining goals were all scored in the second half by five different players. Junior Jill Nelson scored on a penalty kick. Junior Sarah Pratts scored the next goal with an assist by senior Rhonda Partida. Partida also assisted in the fifth goal, scored by freshman Sandy Ocegüera. Sophomore Denise Trione scored the

sixth goal and Partida ended the streak with the seventh goal.

Cal Poly played a tough game offensively with a total of 16 shots on goal versus seven by Boise State.

Cal Poly also had six corner kicks compared to none for Boise State.

Cal Poly put up a tough offense on Sunday's game against University of Idaho that ended with 23 shots by the Mustangs and nine by University of Idaho.

George scored the first goal ten minutes into the game, with an assist by Stickel.

Nelson went on to get a hat trick with junior Gina Ocegüera assisting on all three goals.

Ocegüera scored the fifth and sixth goals of the game with assists by sophomore Eryn Gerhard and Nelson.

Not only has the team been racking up the points, but junior goalie Natalia Garcia has done a good job of keeping the other teams from scoring by not making mistakes in the back, according to Crozier.

Cal Poly goes into next weekend's home games against Utah State and North Texas with a 5-4 overall record.

Foreman plans bash

HOUSTON (AP) — George Foreman has his 50th birthday party planned: It will be at the Astrodome, Larry Holmes is invited and there's going to be a fight.

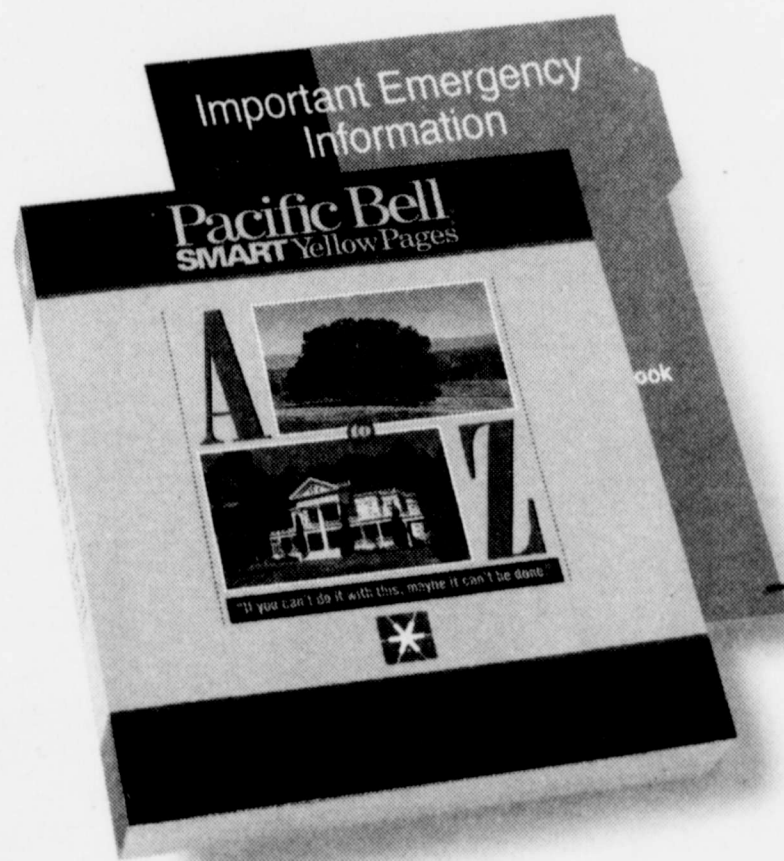
The two heavyweight champions of yesteryear — both grandfathers — met at the Dome on Monday to announce their Jan. 23 bout, billed as the "Birthday Bash."

Foreman, fighting in his hometown, hits 50 on Jan. 10. Holmes

turns 49 on Nov. 3.

"Usually, the doctors check a fighter's heart, but with Larry and me, they're just going to see if we have a pulse," Foreman said.

It will be the first fight in the Astrodome since November 1982 when Holmes defeated Randall "Tex" Cobb in a one-sided bout that disgusted the late sportscaster Howard Cosell — the last pro fight he called.



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Cubs survive Giant threat, face Atlanta

Staff and wire reports

CHICAGO — For sheer drama, it's tough to beat a one-game playoff for a baseball postseason berth. For more drama, how about thoughts of a no-hitter? Chicago's Steve Trachsel went 6½ innings before allowing a hit to pinch-hitter Brent Mayne but was removed because of six walks.

Gary Gaetti's two-run homer in the

fifth off Mark Gardner gave the Cubs a 2-0 lead they would not relinquish.

Pinch-hitter Matt Mieske drove in two insurance runs in the seventh to expand the Cubs' lead to 4-0.

The Cubs added an insurance run in the eighth when Sammy Sosa singled. After a Mark Grace double moved Sosa to third, the Giants' Jose Mesa threw a wild pitch to Gaetti, allowing Sosa to score.

The Giants threatened in the ninth inning, when Mayne singled to right and Bill Mueller singled up the middle. Stan Javier followed with a base hit to drive in Mayne. The Cubs brought in left-hander Terry Mulholland, who walked Ellis Burks. That brought up Barry Bonds, who lined a sacrifice fly to right.

The Cubs then went to former Giants closer Rod Beck to face Jeff

Kent. He hit a groundball to short-stop Jose Hernandez, who flipped to Micky Morandini for one out but the throw to first was late. That brought Joe Carter to the plate, who battled with Beck until ending the game with a pop-up to Grace.

The Giants had an opportunity to tie the game in the seventh inning when Bonds got up with two outs and the bases loaded, but reliever Felix

Heredia got Bonds to hit a slow grounder to Grace to end the threat.

The Chicago Cubs last won a World Series in 1908 and last played in one in 1945. Since then, they have reached the playoffs only twice, in 1984 and 1989. In 1989, they were beaten four games to one by the Giants.

The Cubs face John Smoltz and the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday.

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NBA makes offer; union to respond

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest collective bargaining offer from NBA owners includes some movement on their proposals for maximum and minimum salaries, and a response from the union should come later this week.

After having the new offer in its hands for three days, the union was preparing Monday to make its next move as the likelihood increased with each passing day that the regular season will not start on time, Nov. 3.

If the union decides to present a counterproposal, it could lead to a resumption of face-to-face talks that would give the sides about two weeks to strike a deal allowing for a full 82-game schedule to be played. The NBA has never lost a game because of a labor dispute.

The pace of negotiations, and the quality of the proposals, could increase in the next couple of weeks after John Feerick, dean of Fordham University Law School, rules on the union's grievance over whether players with guaranteed contracts for the upcoming season should be paid during the lockout.

Feerick's decision could come at any time before Oct. 19.

According to sources close to the bargaining, the owners made some movement in their most recent offer sent to union headquarters last Friday.

In its proposals, the league has offered two different fiscal operating systems designed to slow the growth of player salaries.

Both systems would include a maximum salary rule, a lengthened rookie salary scale and small increases in the minimum salary for veterans.

The owners offered some movement on two of those provisions.

On maximum salaries, they went from asking that no new contract include an average salary that exceeds 30 percent of the cap (about \$9.4 million in 1998-99) to asking that the 30-percent rule only cover the first year of the new contract, with raises thereafter of either five percent or seven percent.

Under their old proposal, the minimum salary for 10-year veterans would be \$575,000. Under the new offer, the minimum would be \$750,000.

Players have made two proposals, one in April and one in August, with each containing some new demands and some concessions, including a limit on salary increases.

That was seen by the union as a major concession, because under the agreement that expired in 1995 there was no limit on salary increases from year to year.

Players also have agreed in principle to the league's request to add marijuana to the list of banned substances and allow a team to have the right of first refusal allowing them to match any free agent offer made to a player whose rookie scale contract has expired.

Jordan testifies about failed 1991 movie deal

CHICAGO (AP) — A composed and soft-spoken Michael Jordan took the witness stand for nearly four hours Monday and testified that he never refused to act in a 1991 basketball film that flopped without him.

"I maintained enthusiasm about the project. I wanted to participate," Jordan said, even when filming of "Heaven is a Playground" was postponed several times while the producers sought financing.

Jordan said he even agreed to return the \$50,000 producers paid him up front and offered his signature to help draw prospective backers when financing hit a snag.

The appearance by the Chicago Bulls superstar came in the midst of a multimillion-dollar breach-of-contract lawsuit alleging he reneged on a deal to

star in the movie. The film made just \$168,000 at the box office, its producers allege, and never got national distribution.

The producers are seeking between \$16 million and \$20 million in damages, or what they believe could have been the film's profit.

Jordan was called by the plaintiffs as a hostile witness, and much of his testimony involved contractual obligations. But he provided comic relief as the plaintiffs showed scenes from a video featuring film clips of Jordan's soaring basketball feats.

Jordan bit his lip and smiled uncomfortably as the video announcer called him "this offensive juggernaut" and "the greatest scorer since Wilt Chamberlain."

Intimidating pitchers open NL series

HOUSTON (AP) — Overwhelming versus nasty.

It won't be a pleasant day for hitters when Houston's Randy Johnson and San Diego's Kevin Brown, two of baseball's most dominating pitchers, provide a marquee matchup in the opener of the NL division series between the Padres and Astros this afternoon.

Johnson, of course, is the Big Unit, a 6-foot-10 left-hander who virtually no one relishes facing.

Brown's pitches have so much movement that they've been described as "nasty" and "filthy" as well as some unprintable names.

And this is what the Astros and Padres get for posting their best seasons ever?

"It ain't fun," San Diego batting star Tony Gwynn said of facing Johnson. "Probably the biggest challenge you have as a left-handed

hitter in this league is facing Randy Johnson. When he's on, you can't hit him."

Reinvigorated after his trade from Seattle on July 31, Johnson went 10-1 with a 1.28 ERA, led the majors with 329 strikeouts and has been unbeatable in the Astrodome, going 5-0 with four shutouts.

Johnson said his velocity and control were inconsistent in his last start Wednesday against St. Louis, when he allowed eight hits but just one earned run — and no Mark McGwire homers — in a 7-1 win at St. Louis.

"I would have liked to have pitched a more quality ball game, but when you get into postseason, you can throw the number out; it's a pure adrenaline rush," Johnson said. "You're able to do a lot of things you may not have done in the regular season."

Johnson has had a huge impact on the NL Central champion Astros' 102-win season, even drawing 15,000 fans more than the average when he pitches.

"When he pitches, he wins, and he gives us confidence," manager Larry Dierker said.

Johnson has faced left-handers just 18 times since joining the Astros, allowing four hits.

On June 24, Johnson beat the Padres 2-1 in San Diego with a six-hit complete game. Switch-hitter Quilvio Veras and Greg Vaughn each had two hits, but Gwynn and fellow lefty Steve Finley combined to go 0-for-7.

Padres manager Bruce Bochy said Finley, the center fielder, will play Tuesday, but he was unsure about first baseman Wally Joyner, who has been bothered by a sore left shoulder.

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° Volleyball vs. Pacific at Rec Center at 7 p.m.

° Women's soccer vs. Utah State at Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

° Football vs. UC Davis at Mustang Stadium at 6 p.m.

° Volleyball vs. Long Beach State at Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

° Men's soccer at Clemson vs. Furman at 9 a.m.

° Women's soccer vs. North Texas at Mustang Stadium at 1 p.m.

BRIEFS

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team won their first two Big West games last weekend.

Saturday, Cal Poly took on Fullerton, beating them 3-0. DeSoto received a .524 attack percentage, with 11 kills.

Cal Poly traveled to Irvine on Friday to take home another victory 15-10, 15-6, 15-7. Kari DeSoto made an impressive 13 kills and 10 digs during the game. Not far behind was Melanie Hathaway, with 12 kills and 10 digs.

Cal Poly's 12-1 record will be challenged as they take on Pacific, No. 9, and Long Beach State, No. 1. Cal Poly is ranked 36th.



Dawn Kalmar/Mustang Daily

SOCCER STUFFS SAN DIEGO STATE: Men's soccer controlled the game Sunday night in their last game before they travel to Clemson to take part in the Adidas Invitational. League play begins on Oct. 9 at Oregon State.

Men's soccer gets win

Real test in Adidas Invitational

By Trisha Thorn
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's soccer team will head to South Carolina next weekend with another win under their belt after Sunday's 2-0 victory over San Diego State.

The Aztecs were decent competition according to junior Rob Helm, but not as dangerous as some teams.

"Clemson will be the real test, the measuring stick of how we're doing," said Helm.

Other players agree that they shouldn't get too excited over this win. The Aztecs were not very tough

competition, sophomore James Newton said. The Mustangs played too much defense, he added.

The Mustangs did have some offense, however, scoring early in the game.

Junior Brian Lange gave Cal Poly the lead early when he scored on a penalty kick by Helm almost two minutes into the game. It was Lange's third goal of the season.

Freshman goalie Brenton Junge had a great game according to junior David Yosso. Junge made six saves and got his fourth shutout of the year.

Cal Poly managed to rack up their share of penalties in a game where a

total of 44 fouls were called. In the first half, three yellow cards were handed out to the Mustangs. First, to senior P.J. Woolridge, then to Helm, and finally to senior Vince Harding.

San Diego State wasn't far behind with two yellow cards. One was given to junior Darren Parker, and one to sophomore Milton Economy, both in the second half.

Senior Martin Haynes scored the team's final goal in the second half with an assist by Newton. It was the fourth goal of the season for Haynes.

The team will travel to South Carolina with a 5-1-1 record to face No. 9 Clemson University on October 2, and No. 23 Furman University on October 4, in the Adidas Invitational.

Mustangs win first two Big West matches

By Trisha Thorn
Mustang Daily

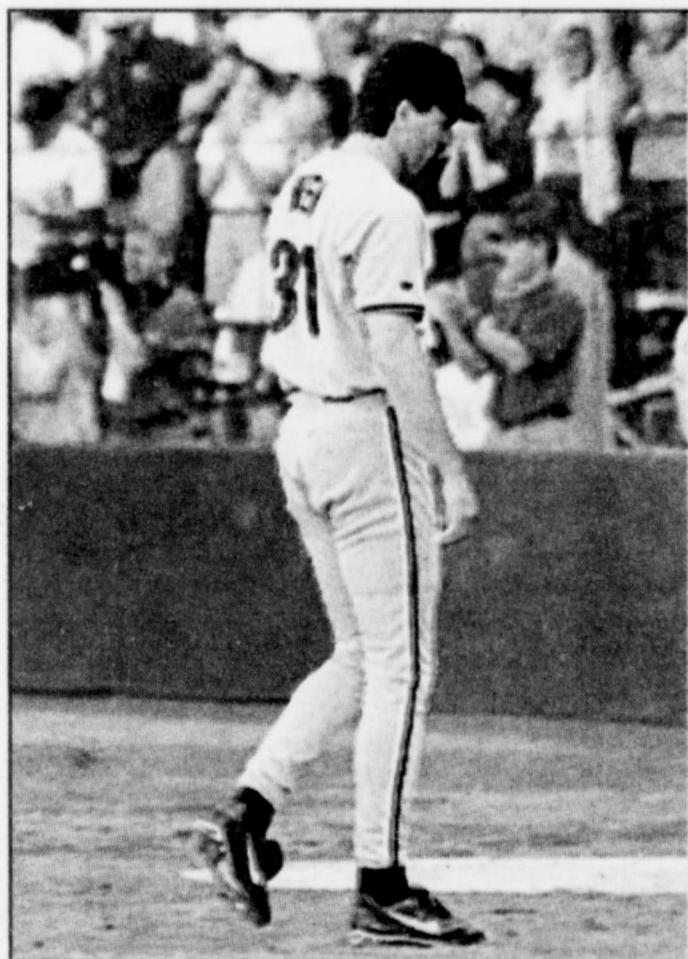
The Cal Poly women's soccer team dominated the competition in Idaho last weekend when they beat Boise State 7-0 and University of Idaho 6-0.

According to head coach Alex Crozier, this fairly new team which lost seven starters last year, is finding their rhythm now.

"We're playing well now," said Crozier who explained that the teams first four games, three of which Cal Poly lost, were against tough teams. Santa Clara, UCLA, and Washington are all teams ranked in the top 20.

The first game, against Boise State saw two goals scored in the first half by Cal Poly. The first was by sopho-

Facing elimination



GIANTS BLEW OPPORTUNITY: Robb Nen surrendered a home run to Colorado's Neifi Perez in the ninth inning Sunday. The Giants loss forced them to take on Chicago Monday in a one-game playoff for the wild-card. See story, page 10

Great talent overshadowed by home runs

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have put to rest the 38-year debate, "Will anyone ever hit 62 homers?" so it's time to start a new one. Is this the most talented group of baseball players ever?

The answer is yes.

The outfield is full of players that will be first-ballot selections into Cooperstown and are at or near the top of the list of the greatest player at their position.

Barry Bonds is the complete package. He has won three MVPs, several gold gloves, and is considered by many to be the greatest left-fielder of all time. Albert Belle's not a bad choice either; he's just the only player in history to hit 50 homers and 50 doubles in a season.

Ken Griffey Jr. has hit 56 homers two years in a row and routinely turns would-be-home runs into long outs. Sammy Sosa just hit 66 homers and has a great arm in right field.

Mark McGwire is the modern day Babe Ruth. Since Ruth, no other hitter has struck such fear into pitchers. Accept maybe Ricky Henderson, who did it with his legs. The greatest lead-off hitter of all time has given pitchers nightmares when they walk him and he steals both second and third.

Tony Gwynn is perhaps the greatest pure hitter of all time. His sweet stroke and knowledge of the strike zone are qualities every aspiring baseball player should study.

While there have been great outfielders over the years, such as Willie Mays, Joe DiMaggio, and Ruth, they played in different eras. This group is enjoying the prime of their careers together.

The greatest catcher of all-time distinction may go to one of two current players. Mike Piazza hits for outstanding average and power while "Pudge" Rodriguez hits for average and is possibly the best defensive catcher in the game.

Around the infield, you can find young talent at every position. Alex Rodriguez hit 40 homers and stole 40 bases in only his third full season in the majors. Nomar Garciaparra followed his Rookie of the Year season with a MVP-like season in 1998.

The pitching makes the argument even stronger. Greg Maddux should get the Cy Young award re-named after him. He's an artist on the mound, and can be put into the elite group with Sandy Koufax, Walter Johnson, and Bob Feller.

Two of the greatest strikeout pitchers, Randy Johnson and Roger Clemens, dominate opposing hitters. Johnson took the Astros from NL Central winner to World Series contender while Clemens hasn't lost a decision since May.

This has truly been a memorable season for baseball fans, and it's time to appreciate it entirely. It will definitely be remembered as the greatest home run season, but the fact that this may be the most talented group of ballplayers should not be overshadowed.

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